

# GERMAN TOWNSHIP FIRE - RESCUE

PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS FAITHFULLY SERVING



To: All Members  
Re: Health and Safety  
Washing protective clothing policy  
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- It shall be the policy of this FD after a structure fire where our personnel participate in interior attack operations that the PPE assigned to them will be washed in the washing machine at Saint Wendel Road fire station.
- Firefighters shall remove their PPE immediately upon return to station.
  - Keep boots on for washing apparatus and cleaning equipment
- Firefighters who are covered in the material at the conclusion of the fire shall be washed off before they get in the apparatus.
  - Apparatus seats should be monitored for contamination.
- Protective clothing shall not be washed in your personal machine at your place of residence.
- Interior fire attack operations are defined as those times before the fire has been knocked down and smoke conditions are such that visibility is limited to 2 feet or less.
- The senior officer may determine if additional requirements are necessary for decontamination.
- All members who were involved in suppression operations even during overhaul shall have their nomex hood and gloves washed immediately following the response.
  - GTFD will provide a replacement hood.
  - GTFD will return all washed hoods to inventory.
- All PPE for personnel who were involved in operations where they have been immersed in smoke shall at a minimum have their PPE washed with water and brush at the conclusion of the response before they go home.
  - The scrubbing of the interior of the outer shell is a critical component of the cleaning process.
  - If a member must go home before operations have concluded the PPE shall be gathered and returned to the station.
- GTFD will provide a second set of clothing within budgetary allowances until the contaminated clothing is washed.
- Personally owned PPE, hoods, gloves will be returned to the original owner as long as your name is permanently displayed on the equipment.

*Brother First, Duty Always*